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SUBJ: POLISH ATTACK ON SPIEGEL PUBLICATION OF SED INTRA-PARTY MANIFESTO

1. IN AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "PROVOCATION AGAINST DETENTE",
PUBLISHED JANUARY 24 IN TRYBUNA LUDU, RYSZARD DRECKI CONDEMNS
THE PUBLICATION BY THE WEST GERMAN NEWS MAGAZINE DER SPIEGEL OF
THE MANIFESTO OF AN ALLEGED INTERNAL OPPOSITION GROUP IN THE
SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY (SED) OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.
SPIEGEL'S ACTION, DRECKI WRITES, "EMBODIES AN UNUSUAL....INTENSIFICATION OF UNMASKED HATRED TOWARDS THE GDR, TOWARDS THE SED
AND TOWARDS THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM AS SUCH." ACCORDING TO DRECKI,
NOT ONLY HAVE "THE AUTHORITIES OF THE GDR UNMASKED THAT 'MANIFESTO'
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GENCE," BUT ALSO "IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC THE TEXT PUBLISHED BY SPIEGEL HAS AROUSED DOUBTS -- TO PUT IT MILDLY." FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAYS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARLIAMENTARY FRACTION OF THE SPD, HERBERT WEHNER, "DESCRIBED IT FRANKLY AS A PROVOCATION."

2. DRECKI SAYS, "THE SLOW AND DIFFICULT . . . PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE FRG HAS BEEN

MADE ADDITIONALLY DIFFICULT BY THIS REPUGNANT POLITICO-PROPA-GANDISTIC PROVOCATION." BUT, HE CONTINUES, MORE THAN INTER-GERMAN RELATIONS ARE AT STAKE. "THE 'MANIFESTO' OF SPIEGEL, BEING A PROVOCATION AGAINST THE GERMAN SOCIALIST STATE, IS, AT THE SAME TIME, ONE OF THE BIGGEST IN RECENT YEARS AGAINST THE MAINTENANCE OF DETENTE AND THE REALIZATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE IN EUROPEAN RELATIONS. THE ACTION UNDERTAKEN ON THE PAGES OF SPIEGEL IS, FRANKLY, A CLINICAL EXAMPLE OF THE INTEGRAL CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ACTIVITY OF THE ENEMIES OF SOCIALISM AND ACTIVITY AGAINST THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACEFUL TENDENCIES IN EUROPEAN CO-EXISTENCE . . . WE TREAT THESE PROVOCATIONS, STRIKING AT THE SOCIALIST REGIME IN THE GDR AS WELL AS AT THE PROCESS OF DETENTE, AS ACTIVITY AIMED AT THE BASIC PRINCIPLES, GOALS, AND IDEALS WHICH ARE COMMON TO THE GDR AND POLAND AS WELL AS TO ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY."

3. COMMENT: THIS ATTACK, AS WELL AS CRITICAL POLISH MEDIA
PUBLICITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT CONVICTIONS OF THREE
ALLEGED WEST GERMAN SPIES, COMES NOTWITHSTANDING POLAND'S MUTUAL
COMMITMENT WITH THE FRG "TO THE SHAPING IN BOTH SOCIETIES OF A
FULL AND OBJECTIVE IMAGE OF THE PARTNER", CONTAINED IN THE JOINT
POLISH-GERMAN COMMUNIQUE SIGNED BY FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK AND
CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IN WARSAW ON NOVEMBER 25, 1977. JUST BEFORE
AND DURING SCHMIDT'S VISIT, POLISH PRESS TREATMENT OF THE FRG
WAS MUCH MORE FAVORABLE AND OBJECTIVE THAN IT HAD BEEN IN THE
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